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Under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973

To,
The Public Generally.

Whereas, an announcement has been made by the Election Commissioner, Goa State Election Commission, Altinho, Panaji-Goa, vide letter No. 5/20/Z.P./N&S/2014-SEC/424 dated 03-03-2015, to hold Zilla Panchayat Elections, South Goa District and accordingly the Election is scheduled to be held on 18-03-2015 and directions have been given to ensure free, fair and peaceful Elections.

And whereas, in my considered opinion there is sufficient ground for proceeding under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 and impose ban for carrying of all type of arms and fire arms and other lethal weapons, to ensure free, fair, peaceful and orderly conduct of the Election process and to prevent obstruction, annoyance or injury to any person lawfully employed or danger to human life or safety, or disturbance of public tranquility or riot, of any affray during the electioneering.

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit serving of the notices individually in time.

Now therefore, I, Sachin Shinde, IAS, District Magistrate & Zilla Panchayat Election Officer, South Goa District, Margao in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144 of Cr. Pc., 1973 do hereby prohibit the carrying of all type of arms, fire arms, ammunition lethal weapons, in any public place, street, road squares, through fare, by lanes, or in any open place in entire District of South Goa with immediate effect until further orders.

Further, all the arm licence holders in South Goa District are directed to deposit all their fire arms at the nearest Police Stations of their respective jurisdiction immediately, and in no case after 13-03-2015. All the fire arms deposited will be returned to the licence holder after 23-03-2015 i.e. after the Election process is over.

Further, it is also made known that, if any persons has a real threat to his or her person/property, he/she should approach the Director General of Police for providing necessary security by the Police but under no circumstances will any person be allowed to carry his own personal fire arm/s licence or otherwise except with special permission from the undersigned.

However, the above restrictions shall not apply to Public Servants/Police/Defence Personnel, Officers on Election duties and Security Personnel on duty and to those members of the community who are entitled to display weapons by long standing law, custom and usage, unless they are found to be indulging in violence or posing a threat to the maintenance of law and order and peaceful conduct of Elections.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 4th day of March, 2015.

Sachin Shinde, IAS,
District Magistrate &
Zilla Panchayat Election Officer,
South Goa District, Margao.

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